

Narrative Remix

Purpose: You are going to remix a portion of *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* to demonstrate how the purpose, message, or feel of the novel would change if a particular narrative element were presented or constructed differently.

Part I: Remixing the Narrative

Perhaps you could write a scene from the perspective of one of the minor characters. Or you could take a minor event and “grow it” into a significant role in the text. Or you could rewrite part of the text in another genre (poetry, news article, play, etc).

Keep in mind that you must significantly remix a scene or narrative element. Use the original text as a touchstone, but don’t rely on it too much.

The purpose of this part of the assignment is to:

- 1) give you a creative outlet through which you can demonstrate your understanding of this text
- 2) change the discourse of the story
- 3) analyze the choices the author made in his construction of the narrative
- 4) do some close reading—you can only use what was given to you in the original text. Characters need to act normal. You can’t create people who weren’t originally there. You can’t kill off people who don’t die in the book.
- 5) conceptualize the novel in a new way.
- 6) give you an opportunity to intervene in a text and refocus it.

Length: 2-3 double spaced pages of 12 pt font text

Part II: Digital Storytelling

You will be using the programs Audacity or GarageBand to digitally record your reading of your selection, as well as sound effects, and/or background music.

The goals of this part of the assignment are to:

- 1) emphasize that writing or composing does not only refer to typing in Microsoft

Word

2) learn about writing for delivery. That is, your recording won't just be a regular reading. You will have to make decisions (volume, diction, pauses, speed, sound effects, music) related to what makes a good story when it is read aloud.

3) explore what happens to a narrative when it is cast in a different mode (auditory).

If you follow your written script, your remix should be about 4-6 minutes.